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IN THE CLAIMS

1. - 4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) A lyocell multi-filament having tenacity of 5 to 10 g/d, elongation of 3 to 13 %, modulus of 200 to 400 g/d, birefringence of 0.038 to 0.050, crystallinity of 40 to 52 %, shrinkage of -0.5 to 3 %, strength maintenance after a high 15 temperature and saturated vapor treatment of 90 % or higher, and fineness of 1000 to 2500 deniers.

6. (Original) The lyocell multi-filament as set forth in claim 5, wherein elongation is 0.5 to 4.0 % at a load of 4.5 kg.

7. (Original) The lyocell multi-filament as set forth in claim 5, wherein a load at break is 5.0 to 25.0 kg.

8. (Previously presented) A tire cord comprising the lyocell multi-filament according to claim 5.

9. (Original) A dip cord for tire cords produced using the tire cord according to claim 8.

10. (Original) The dip cord as set forth in claim 9, having fineness of 3000 to 6000 deniers, twist constant of 0.67 to 0.85,

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and a load at break of 14.0 to 28.0 kg.

11. (Previously presented) A tire for automobiles comprising the lyocell multi-filament according to claim 5.

12. (Original) A tire comprising the dip cord according to claim 9.

13. (Previously presented) A tire cord comprising the lyocell multi-filament according to claim 6.

14. (Previously presented) A tire cord comprising the lyocell multi-filament according to claim 7.

15. (Previously presented) A tire for automobiles comprising the lyocell multi-filament according to claim 6.

16. (Previously presented) A tire for automobiles comprising the lyocell multi-filament according to claim 7.

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SUMMARY OF RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Claims 1-16 have been restricted to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-4 drawn to a method of making a multi-filament (yarn), classified in class 264, subclass 172.1; and
- II. Claims 5-16, drawn to a lyocell multi-filament (yarn), classified in class 428, subclass 364.

The reasons for the restriction requirement are set forth in the Office Action.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

By this response and amendment, Applicant elects to prosecute the embodiment of the present inventive subject matter in claims 5-16, drawn to a lyocell multi-filament, without traverse.

To that end, Applicant has canceled claims 1-4 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. Claims 1-4 will be pursued in a divisional application.

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CONCLUSION

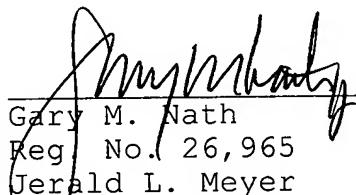
Applicant has elected to prosecute claims 5-16 of the present application. Applicant earnestly solicits early notification of allowable subject matter therein. If the Examiner thinks that a telephone conference will speed prosecution of this application, he is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at his convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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